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AS I obſerv'd, in my laſt, *Stair-Caſes* are almoſt the only Opportunity which *Hiſtory-Painters* are favoured with in *England*, for the Encouragement of their Art: It is, therefore, incumbent on them, in a particular Manner, to improve it to the utmoſt; that is to ſay, to make it ſo eminently ornamental, that a Palace ſhould not be eſteem'd compleat without it: The Way to do which, apart of the known Rules of Painting, is to ſuit the Decoration to the Place 'tis intended to adorn, to preſerve a Propriety in the very Deſign, and make both the Buſineſs and Shew of a Piece.

To explain myſelf farther, I have yet ſeen but three Sorts of Stair-Caſes among us: One of which conſiſts of Architecture and Trophies only, another of Architecture and Figures that are no Way a-kin to one another, and the third of huge Pieces of foreign Hiſtory, or idle Legends of Gods and Goddeſſes, that have no Relation to the Place, nor can poſſibly afford that grand and elegant Effect, which the Maſter might be vain enough to wiſh for.

The firſt of theſe Sorts, I think rather too ſimple in its own Nature, or if, to obviate this Objection, it ſhould copy nothing but Grandeur and Magnificence, then it glares too much, interferes with the very Building 'twas intended to adorn, breaks in upon all the Proportions that conſtitute Beauty and Harmony, and utterly ſpoils the Uniformity of the Whole.

The ſecond is liable to all the Objections of the firſt, and has ſome which are peculiar to itſelf: For what Portico, or other Edifice, can be ſo naturally deſign'd, as to ſeem a Part of the Stair-Caſe to which 'tis convey'd? What Story can be told there with a like Pertinency? And how can the Figures, and the Architect too, preſerve ſuch a due Proportion, as to coincide with every real Object about it? When I ſee theſe Difficulties reconcil'd, I ſhall declare in favour of this Kind of Ornament; but, till then, I muſt follow my preſent Opinion, and conclude againſt it.

The third Sort is abundantly more pompous than either of the other two, and, at firſt Sight, bids much fairer for general Approbation; but even this is attended with inſurmountable Difficulties, with Reſpect to Taſte and Decorum; and tho' we may admire the Hand of the Subject ever ſo much, we ſhall ſtill conclude 'tis ill introduc'd, and, of courſe, feel a great Abatement of our Pleaſure: If we rightly conſider, a huge Quantity of Space, fill'd up with a Number of Figures, which are no Way reconcil'd by proper Ornaments to the Place they were meant to adorn, is no more than a delightful Abſurdity: And ſuch are the very beſt Stair-Caſes we have at preſent to boaſt of. Not all the Deceptio of Painting, nor the utmoſt Stretch of Imagination to aid it, can perſuade us to believe that what we ſee is real: It muſt therefore be intended as Ornament only, and, if 'tis not originally calculated to anſwer that End, it can never receive a juſt and genuine Approbation.

If I may be allow'd to adviſe what I think the moſt proper and perfect Manner of conducting theſe noble Decorations: I ſhould recommend to the Painter to conſider firſt the Taſte of the Building itſelf, with Reſpect to Style and Ornament: For, if any one Part diſagrees with the Manner of the Whole, it argues a wrong Judgment in the Artiſt, and certainly is a Blemiſh which all Perſons of Genius will condemn.

The painted Architecture therefore muſt be in the ſame Taſte with that which forms the Eſſentials of the Houſe, and muſt be a Deſign of ſuch a Nature, as to deceive the Eye into the Opinion, that 'tis really a Part of it: That is to ſay, the Columns, Arches, Cornices, muſt have the ſtricteſt Dependence on each other, and altogether ſeem calculated only to ſupport the Cieling.

The next Thing to be attended to is the Quantity of Space which is to be employ'd; and this muſt be divided into ſuch apt and regular Proportions, as will, at once, be favourable to the Architecture, and have proper Intervals for the Figures. The Point of View from whence every ſide of the Work is to be ſurvey'd, is another important Point to be attended to; and Figures, Ornaments, Lights, and Shadows are all to be adapted to the Diſtance of the Eye from the Object: Without this Advantage the very beſt Paintings loſe a great Part of their Beauty, and, with it, the worſt appear more tolerable.

As to the Nature of the Tales, which are proper to the Intervals of Space mention'd above; when the Scheme of the Decoration is thus ſuited to the Stile of the Building, the Maſter is left at Liberty to fill them up juſt as he pleaſes: For 'tis not the Nature of the Story now, but the Agreement of the Parts they are incloſ'd in, that unites them to the Whole: I ſay therefore, Fancy may be indulg'd in this Particular, at Will, provided nothing trifling nor abſurd mingles with the Compoſition, and diſappoints the Intention of the Critick in its Favour.

To be ſure, if the Artiſt is employ'd by a great and noble Family, which had abounded with Heroes, and by their own magnanimous Actions, furniſh'd out a grand and expreſſive Subject for the Pencil, nothing is ſo proper as thoſe Events for the Buſineſs before us: It is but a decent Compliment to their illuſtrious Anceſtors, and may ſerve to kindle a ſuitable Ardour in their Poſterity, as long as the Paintings or the Memory of thoſe Actions remain'd.

But, if ſuch grand and important Subjects ſhould be wanting, as is too often the Caſe, I ſhould next recommend the moſt memorable Facts in our own Hiſtories; or, at leaſt, the moſt refin'd and delicate Imaginations of our Poets: For theſe are moſt new to the Pencil, afford the beſt Opportunities for an Artiſt to exert his Genius, and have a much better Claim to be copied, than the idle Machinery of antient Paganiſm, or the more modern Miracles of deſigning Prieſtcraft.

'Tis evident that Novelty in Painting is of as much Conſequence to the Maſter's Reputation, as in Poetry: Let a Man excel ever ſo much on a trite and beaten Subject, he will be eſteem'd rather an Imitator than an Inventor, and if he fails, his Condemnation is infinitely more ſevere: Whereas if he makes his own Subject, he has no diſadvantageous Compariſon to be made againſt him, and all the Merit is his own without a Rival.

In Lord *Tankerville*'s Stair-Caſe, done by Signior *Amiconi* there appear to me ſeveral material Errors: In the firſt Place, the Ornaments about it are neither proper Decorations of the Paintings, nor have they any Relation to the Stair-Caſe itſelf: So that both Paintings and Decorations might as well have been in a Dining Room, Gallery, or Bed-Chamber, as there: Secondly, two of his Subjects are ſo poor and unmeaning in themſelves, that 'tis hardly poſſible to make a good Picture of them; and the third has been painted ſo often and ſo well, that 'tis ridiculous to attempt it again, unleſs a Man was poſitive he could refine upon all that went before him.

The Detection of the counterfeit Madneſs of *Ulyſſes*, by *Palamedes*, when he had a Mind to excuſe himſelf from the *Trojan War*, is the Subject of the firſt Diviſion; and really, conſidering the Barrenneſs of the Story, is very well perform'd, nay I think is much the beſt of the three: The Concern of the Father for the Danger of the Child in the Furrows, is well expreſs'd, and the Hurry of his Action, in ſtopping the Plough, ſtrongly mark'd: But then, even here, the Painter has ſtumbled a little, in bringing the Ox forward to the Eye, inſtead of the Horſe, which is ſo much the finer Figure, and might have added ſo much Beauty to the Whole.

The Prophecy of *Tireſias*, which is the Buſineſs of the ſecond Diviſion, is no more than an Interview between a credulous Girl and a cunning Gypſey; there is nothing alarming or entertaining in it, grand or beautiful: To which may be added, that 'tis too obſcure for the Pencil, and wants a Label to tell us what it is: The Perſons that form the Groupe too, are too numerous, and are neither engag'd in the Action, nor aſſiſt in the Illuſtration.

The Diſcovery of *Achilles* with *Deidamia*, by *Ulyſſes*, is the Story of the third; an Event as often painted, as the Holy Family, and on that Account only to be rejected, for the Reaſons mention'd above: But, unluckily, this is a fine Subject for the Painter, and yet here this Gentleman has fail'd the moſt: The Figure of *Achilles* is poor and trivial, that of *Deidamia* has little or no Expreſſion at all, and poor *Ulyſſes* ſeems to have nothing to do with the Story: Neither is the Groupe tolerably preſerved; for theſe three principal Figures are ſo far remov'd from each other, as hardly to be ſeen at one Glance, and a Number of idle People take up your Attention in their Stead: In a Word, ſome of the beſt Figures in this Piece have nothing to do there, and thoſe, that have, ſtand in Need of ſome Apology for being there too: And yet, upon the Whole, this Maſter has a Secret of Colouring, that recommends his Pictures greatly at firſt Sight, and undoubtedly he deſerves to be preferr'd abundantly before his Countryman *Verrio*.

To the AUTHOR *of the* WEEKLY REGISTER.

SIR,

AS the Deſign of your Paper is agreeably to blend Pleaſure and Advantage, and to amuſe and divert, as well as to inſtruct, I don't queſtion, but after the many critical and curious Obſervations on our publick Buildings which you have inſerted, a Copy of Verſes will be acceptable, at leaſt to the youthful Part of your Readers. The following Copy was ſpoken ſome Time ago at one of our publick Schools, on *Ceres* the Heathen Goddeſs of Corn, at the ſame Time that ſeveral others were ſpoken on the other Heathen Goddeſſes. If you think it worthy a Place in your Paper, I ſhall be encouraged to ſend you more; and I hope your judicious Readers will always be ſo candid as to excuſe the Faults in them, having a due Conſideration of the Youth of the Authors. I am, Sir,

Your conſtant Reader, and humble Servant,

F. J.

CERES.

WHEN Food is ſcarce, and Bellies chime
Cupboard, then ſtarving Poets rhyme;
And now, you know, 'tis Dinner Time.
Hunger, which ſome the *Phœbus* deem
Of Arts, and *Mercury* eſteem
Of Wit, reminds me of my Theme.
Firſt then (t' advance ſome uſeful Queries,)
Who has not heard of Goddeſs *Ceres*,
Who in our *Bread*, and in our *Beer* is?
For what (to talk the Matter fairly)
Were Mortals without *Wheat* or *Barley*?
Who could his meager Corpſe ſuſtain
Without ſuch comfortable Grain?
The Want of which wou'd ſurely render
Our Bodies like a Needle ſlender.
But hold! as well as ſhe is able,
My Muſe intends to tell a Fable:
Her Birth was antient, and her Line,
As Poets feign, was twice divine;
Begotten on *Olympus'* Tops
By *Saturn* on the Grandame *Ops*.
(For *Heathen* Gods, tho' e'er ſo good,
On Proof were downright Fleſh and *Blood*.)
Her Brother *Jove* purſu'd the Trade
Of Baſket-making, as 'tis ſaid,
A roaring, ranting, thund'ring Blade:
Who often us'd to play the Ape
In Swan, or Bull, or any Shape;
And at all Games, with roving Eye,
From his own Eagle learn'd to fly:
Who never boggl'd at a Woman,
From Queen *Europa*, to *Doll Common*.
But ſo much for poetic Story.
Ceres ſhall now appear before ye
In genuine, and unborrow'd Glory:
To ſing whoſe Praiſe wou'd tire the Lungs
Of *Stentor*, and a hundred Tongues.
I will not to *Parnaſſus* climb,
To crave Aſſiſtance to my Rhyme:

[Price THREE HALF-PENCE.]

N. B. *Advertiſements, of a reaſonable Length are put in this Paper at Two Shillings and Six-Pence each.*

Ceres alone I will implore,
And fight the ſtarv'ling *five* and *four*.
With a full Stomach I will ſhow ye,
How *Clio* I deſpiſe, and know ye,
That *Satur eſt cum dicit* Horatius, *Obe!*
Some with the Muſes make ſuch Clutter,
But give me a hot *Loaf* and Butter;
Strengthen'd with that, I will maintain
To riſe above a common Strain;
And know more ten Times of the Matter,
Than forty Wits of the Theatre.
For, tell me, did not *Plautus* bawl
On *Phœbus*, on the *Nine* and all,
And not one Muſe wou'd hear his Call;
'Till he was forc'd to learn a Trade,
And ſerve a *Baker* for his *Bread*?
He turn'd the Mill, then jok'd and writ,
Each *Corn* produc'd a Grain of Wit.
And who wou'd not, with Hunger torn,
Like *Æſop's* Cock, a Jewel ſcorn
Compar'd unto a *Barly*-Corn?
Of all the Gods and Goddeſſes,
In th' *Iliads*, and the *Odyſſes*,
Than *Ceres* none of them is bigger,
Or makes a more Celeſtial Figure.
What's *Neptune*, with his three-fork'd Skewer,
Cum grano Salis but a *Brewer*?
His Trident, which they ſo much boaſt on,
Is only fit to ſtick a *Toaſt* on,
Vulcan, that lubberly black Sloven,
For *Ceres* us'd to heat the *Oven*,
And ſtir the Cinders with his Raker;
Had not he better been her *Baker*,
Than Gunſmith to his Cuckold-maker?
Pomona's Codlings and her Crumplings,
Are made for *Ceres*' *Pies* and *Dumplins*.
Let *Venus* and her little Boy,
Who ſhoots his Bodkins to deſtroy,
Pallas and *Juno*'s Form upbraid;
Yet without honeſt *Ceres*' Aid,
Poor *Venus* had been ſtill a Maid.
Ceres, in Pity, taught us how
To uſe the Harrow and the Plough.
When Food was ſcarce, and Men and Swine
On the ſame Commons us'd to dine,
Acorns and Water, (as we're told)
Were a delicious Fruit of old,
To pamper Hogs, and th' Age of Gold.
But *Ceres* had more Kindneſs in her,
She fed us with a better Dinner:
She put ſome *Barly* in the Juice,
Fit for her Brother *Jove* to uſe:
And if ſhe with a little *Wheat*
Wou'd add a *Pudding* to the Treat,
What God wou'd wiſh for better Meat?
Hail! moſt indulgent *Ceres*, hail!
Thy Deity ſhall moſt prevail:
In vain the Gods have each his Shrine,
When all the Offerings are thine.
Behold the Tiller's ſweaty Brow,
Thoſe briny Drops are ſhed for you.
The trembling Daſtard hazards Battle,
To plunder Fields of *Corn* and Cattle.
For thee *Jack Tar* will plough the Main,
Tho' Winds forbid, and Floods of Rain.
The Artiſt too, a quaffing Wight,
From early Dawn to Candle-light,
Sticks to his Craft for ſweet Regale
Of humming *Beer*, or nappy *Ale*.
And when Night's come, then to the Ale houſe
He jogs, with jovial bonny Fellows,
And ſings *Old Roſe, and burns the Bellows*.

SATURDAY, *April* 27.

LAST Night the Seſſions ended at the *Old Bailey*, when the ſeven following Malefactors received Sentence of Death, *viz.*

Thomas Evans, for ſtealing from *Manſell Alcock* a Parcel of Linnen to the Value of 10l. 4s. the Property of *John Wingfield*.

William Jellard, for Houſe-breaking.

William Fletcher, for Forgery.

John Green, for privately ſtealing Goods to the Value of 10l.

Maſſey Hornby, for the Murder of her Baſtard-Child.

Peter Machie, a *Frenchman*, for ſtealing a Parcel of Jewels. And,

Elizabeth Hewit, alias *Giles*, for privately ſtealing divers Goods of Value.

Thirty-four were ordered for Tranſportation, and two burnt in the Hand.

When the Lady *Deloraine* and the Lady *Colladon* took Leave of the Princeſs of *Orange* at *Gravelend*, her Highneſs told them, that ſhe hop'd to be in *England* again in three Months Time, which 'tis ſuppos'd will be during the Prince of *Orange*'s being with the *Imperial* Army in *Germany*.

Death. Laſt Night died ſuddenly of an Apoplexy, Mr. *Balpin*, a noted Diſtiller, at his Houſe in the *Hay-Market*, he was in good Health at the County Election laſt Thurſday at *Brentford*, where he appeared with a new Equipage.

MONDAY, *April* 29.

On Friday Night laſt about Eleven o'Clock a Preſs-Gang came through *Spittlefields*, *Shoreditch*, and *Moorfields*, with Drums, Trumpets, and Hautboys before them, which drew a great many People from their Dwellings, by which Stratagem they impreſs'd a great many Men.

The ſame Day the Lady of the Lord *Guilford*, one of the Lords of the Bed-Chamber to his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales*, was ſafely delivered of a Daughter, at his Lordſhip's Houſe in *Albemarle ſtreet*.

On Thurſday Morning at Half an Hour after Five, the Prince of *Orange*, with her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs his Conſort, in the *Fubbs* Yacht, with the *William* and *Mary*, *Mary* and *Catherine* Yachts, paſſed by the *Nore*. The Princeſs *Louiſa* and *Louveſteff* Men of War, appointed to attend them as a Convoy, weigh'd Anchor from the *Nore* upon Sight of the Yachts, and the Yachts were out of Sight going over the Flats by the ſame Morning.

And on Sunday about Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, a Meſſenger arrived at *Whitehall* from *Holland*, with an Account of the ſafe Arrival of the Prince and Princeſs of *Orange* on Friday Morning at *Rotterdam*.

His Excellency Count *Kinſki*, the Emperor's Ambaſſador, has received Advice from the *Rhine*, that Prince *Eugene* arrived there the 26th Inſtant, N. S. to take upon him the Command of the *Imperial* Army. His Highneſs performed the Journey in nine Days, having left *Vienna* on the 17th. On the 21ſt he arrived at the Court of the Margrave of *Anſpach*, Nephew to her *Britannick* Majeſty, and had the Honour to dine with him and his Conſort, Daughter to the King of *Pruſſia*, his Majeſty's Niece. The Duke of *Wirtemberg*, with Prince *Frederick* his Brother, met his Highneſs at *Nuremburg*, and conducted him to *Wagbouſell*, where are the head Quarters of the *Imperial* Army. His Highneſs was received in the Camp by Duke *Albert* of *Beveren*, and preſenting himſelf to the Soldiery, who were drawn out occaſionally, the Air rang with Acclamations of Joy. His Highneſs held a grand Council of War the 28th in the *Imperial* Camp, to regulate the Operations of the Campaign, which will not begin offenſively till he returns from the Court of the Elector of *Mayence*, whither he is going to concert Means for the Defence of the City of *Mayence*, which the *French* have begun to blockade with 8000 Men.

Prince *Cantimir*, the *Ruſſian* Ambaſſador, has receiv'd Advice, that the Train of heavy Artillery which had been ſo long expected at the *Muſcovite* Camp before *Dantzick*, having been put on board ſeveral Ships at *Libau*, a Port in the Dutchy of *Courland*, arrived ſafe the 24th Inſtant, N. S. at the Point of *Langfuhr* near *Pruſſh*, in the Neighbourhood of their Camp, and that the *Ruſſians* were uſing the greateſt Expedition to get it mounted and planted againſt *Dantzick*.

The Right Hon. *David* Earl of *Buchan*, one of the 16 Peers in the late Parliament for *Scotland*, is removed from being one of the Commiſſioners for Trade in that Part of *Great Britain*, and from being Lord Lieutenant of the Shires of *Stirling* and *Clacmannan*.

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to declare his Royal Intention of continuing at *Richmond* for about ſix Weeks, and from thence to remove to *Hampton-Court*.

On Saturday N° 76,540 was drawn a Prize of 500 l.

Preferments. *Charles Howard*, Eſq; is appointed one of his Majeſty's Aid de Camps, in the room and Place of the Earl of *Albemarle*, and to command and take Rank as Colonel of Foot.——*James Wilks*, Eſq; is appointed a Cornet in General *Evans*'s Regiment of Dragoons.

Deaths. On Sunday laſt died of the Small-Pox, the Lady *Katharine Wyndham*, eldeſt Daughter of Sir *William Wyndham*, Knight of the Shire for the County of *Somerſet*.——The ſame Day died —— *Stapleton*, Eſq; Deputy-Receiver of the Land-Tax for the City of *London*.

Bankrupt. *John Greene*, late of the Pariſh of St. *Mary le Bone*, in the County of *Middleſex*, Carpenter and Chapman.

TUESDAY, *April* 30.

Mr. *Hawkſmoor* has been lately at *Oxford* with a Plan of a Building for a Library for that Univerſity, purſuant to the Will of the late Dr. *Ratcliffe*; and Mr. *Gibbs*, another noted Architect, is ſoon to go down to prepare another Plan for the Approbation of the Univerſity.

On Saturday Morning a young Woman well dreſſed, big with Child, and very near her Time, was found almoſt dead in the *Park*, *Southwark*, having ſeveral Marks of Violence upon her, and could not ſpeak, but expired in a few Minutes; her Body was immediately opened, and the Child taken out alive, which died alſo in a ſhort Time after. It is ſuppoſed that this Act of Barbarity was committed by ſome Perſon who had debauched her. On Monday the Coroner's Inqueſt ſate on her Body, and brought in a Verdict of *Wilful Murder*, by a Perſon or Perſons unknown.

Yeſterday N° 115,272 was drawn a Prize of 3000 l. 60,373 a Prize of 500 l. and 80,624, 13,126, 55,142 Prizes of 100 l. each.

Laſt Saturday the Horſe Races ended at *Newmarket*, when the Earl of *Portmore*'s *Sooty Dun* ran againſt Mr. *Howe*'s *Shock* for 200 Guineas, which was won by the latter: Several thouſand Pounds were depending on this Match.

Magdalen College in *Oxford* is going to be rebuilt, the Expence whereof will amount to 40,000 l.

We hear that Capt. *Liſle*, who arrived laſt Week from *Turkey*, has brought over with him two very curious beautiful Creatures of the *Lynx* Kind: They were ſent as a Preſent from the Baſhaw of *Babylon* to an *Engliſh* Merchant at *Conſtantinople*, from whom the Captain had them; 'tis ſaid there never was but one of the ſame Kind in *England*.

Yeſterday at the Cloſing of the Poll for the Borough of *Southwark*, the Numbers ſtood thus:

For *Thomas Inwen*, Eſq; —— 1239
George Heathcote, Eſq; —— 874
Richard Sheppard, Eſq; —— 850

Whereupon the two former were declared to have the Majority; but a Scrutiny was demanded and granted.

The Poll for *Southampton* ſtood thus:

Sir *William Heathcote* —— 308
Anthony Henley, Eſq; —— 213
John Conduit, Eſq; —— 212

Whereupon the two former were declar'd by the Mayor and one Bailiff, and the latter by the other Bailiff.

Deaths. The Lords of the Admiralty have received an Account, that Capt. *Ogilby*, Commander of his Majeſty's Ship the *Hector*, died lately on the Coaſt of *Spain*.—— On Sunday died, at his Houſe in *Bartlet-ſtreet*, *Piccadilly*, *John Lance*, Eſq; a very noted Surveyor.

WEDNESDAY, *May* 1.

Yeſterday came on at *Guildhall*, the Election of Members of Parliament for this City; when ſuch a Majority appeared in favour of Mr. Alderman *Barber*, as ſhewed the grateful Senſe the Citizens of *London* retained of his Merit. The other three that had the Majority were, Alderman *Parſons*, Alderman *Barnard*, and Alderman *Godſchall*; but a Poll was demanded by Alderman *Perry* and *Robert Willimot*, Eſq; which began this Morning.

They write from *Dover*, that a few Days ago as ſome Workmen were digging a Cellar for Mr. *Ludd* in *High-ſtreet*, about two Foot deep, one of the Men found an Earthen Crock almoſt decayed, in which was a little Silver Diſh, with 12 Spoons, two of which were quite decayed, as were ſome Part of the others. They are reckoned a great Curioſity.

Yeſterday N° 25,718, 95,472, and 123,938 were drawn Prizes of 100 l. each.

Extract of a Letter from the Conſul at Corunna, *to the Conſul at* Oporto, *dated* April 8, 1734.

Sunday laſt a Ship of 20 Guns chaſed into this Harbour the *Friendſhip* Brigantine bound from *Briſtol* to *Cadiz*, which Ship the Maſter of the Brigantine avows to be a *Salletine*, having been chaſed two Days, and very narrowly eſcaped; in which Time they were ſo near each other, that the Maſter of the Brigantine ſays he could plainly diſcover that ſhe was not *European* built, and by the Manner of her Sails, he takes her to be of *Sallee* or *Algier*. The ſame Veſſel has ſince appeared cruiſing off and on all this Week, and Captain *Cooper* of the Pacquet Boat ſaw her this Morning to the Weſtward, plying to Windward, and believes her to be the ſame Veſſel the Brigantine gave an Account of, and her keeping ſo long in the ſame Station, gives Reaſon to believe her to be a *Turk*. She is built Clapboard Faſhion with red Quarters, and a white Stern; ſhe continues off the Iſland of *Sazarga*, of which you will pleaſe to acquaint all Maſters of Ships for their Government.

Preferment. His Majeſty has been pleaſed to grant to *Joſeling Sidney*, Eſq; the Office of Chief Porter of his Majeſty's *Tower* of *London*, in the room of *William Pennington*, Eſq; deceas'd.

Death. Yeſterday died, in *Eaſt-ſtreet*, *Red-Lion-Square*, Colonel *Richard Johnſon*, Colonel of a Company in the Reign of her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, in the Firſt Regiment of Foot-Guards then commanded by the late Duke of *Marlborough*.

Bankrupts. *Felix Feaſt*, late of the Pariſh of St. *Luke*, in the County of *Middleſex*, Brewer.——*Anne Cockman*, of *Uppingham*, in the County of *Rutland*, Mercer and Woolen-draper.——*William Reade*, late of *New Bond-ſtreet*, in the County of *Middleſex*, Linnen-draper.——*Matthias Otto*, of the *Strand*, near the *New Exchange*, within the Liberty of the City of *Weſtminſter*, Taylor and Mercer.——*Moſes Weſt*, of the Pariſh of St. *Mary le Strand*, in the County of *Middleſex*, Joyner and Chapman.——*John Skinner*, of *Thames ſtreet*, *London*, Fruiterer.

THURSDAY, *May* 2.

Yeſterday an Expreſs arriv'd at *Richmond* from *Bath*, which brought Advice to their Majeſties, that her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs *Amelia* was in good Health, ſhe having found great Benefit by the Uſe of thoſe Waters.

We are inform'd, thet Sir *John Norris* having wrote for Leave to come to Town for ſome Days on his private Affairs, was anſwer'd, that his Requeſt could not be comply'd with in the preſent Conjuncture of Affairs.

On Monday laſt a Mandate was ſent down to *Trinity* College, *Cambridge*, for the Deprivation of the Rev. Dr. *Bentley*, Maſter of the ſaid College, purſuant to the Sentence of the Right Rev. the Lord Biſhop of *Ely*, Viſitor.

There is lately ſtruck in *Holland*, the Work of Mynheer *Holtzbey*) a large Silver Medal, weighing about four Ounces; it repreſents the Buſtos of the Prince and Princeſs of *Orange* facing each other; round them, *Wilh. Car. Henr. Friſ. Princ. Aur. & Annæ Mag. Brit. Conjugium*: The Reverſe is a Hymen crown'd, with a Torch erect in his Right Hand, his Left holding the two Arms of the Houſes of *Orange* and *Great Britain*, under which are two Hearts united, all on an Altar; round, *Æterno Fœdere jungas*.

They write from *Dover*, that about thirty Perſons will be proſecuted upon the Act againſt Bribery, for taking large Sums of Money at the late Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament for that Town.

On Monday the 22d of *April* was baptiz'd at *Tinmouth* Old Church in *Northumberland*, *John Mann*, Son of *Thomas Mann* of that Place, whoſe two Great Grandfathers, and two Great Grandmothers, were Godfathers and Godmothers, all in perfect Health and Senſe.

Yeſterday N° 101,467 was drawn a Prize of 500 l. and 112,942, 106,980 each 100 l.

The ſame Day being the firſt Day of Term, ſeveral Perſons appear'd on their Recognizances at the Court of *King's-Bench*, and were continued.

Laſt Night the Poll for Members for this City ſtood as follows, *viz.*

Humphry Parſons, Eſq; ——	278
John Barber, Eſq; —— ——	157
Sir John Barnard, Knt. ——	276
Micajah Perry, Eſq; ——	208
Robert Godſchall, Eſq; ——	182
Robert Willimot, Eſq; ——	100

Commitment. Yeſterday a Woman was committed to *Newgate*, for the Murder of her Female Baſtard Child.

Marriage. Laſt Sunday *John Corrance*, Eſq; of *Roughham-Place* in the County of *Suffolk*, was married to Miſs *Anne Cheſter*, one of the Daughters of the late —— *Cheſter*, Eſq; of *Cockenhatch* in the County of *Hertford*, a young Lady of a great Fortune.

Death. Yeſterday died, at *Richmond* in *Surrey*, aged 132, Mrs. *Elizabeth Jackſon*, a Widow Gentlewoman of a great Fortune.

FRIDAY, *May* 3.

Our Court has received Advice, that the Prince and Princeſs of *Orange* paſſed through *Holland* incognito: but that upon their Arrival at *Franchendan*, an Univerſity in the Territories of *Frieſland*, their Domeſticks were to put on their rich Liveries, and that their Highneſſes were to make a publick Entry into *Lewarden*.

Their Highneſſes, with all the Ladies, excepting Lady *Southwell*, had but an indifferent Voyage to *Rotterdam*, having been very Sea-ſick.

Yeſterday was a Meeting of the Truſtees of moſt or all of the Charity-Schools of the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, Borough of *Southwark*, and adjacent Pariſhes in the Bill of Mortality, where were preſent the Hon. Mr. Auditor *Harley*, Chairman, Sir *William Chapman*, Bart. *Benjamin Hoare*, Eſq; *Henry Marſhall*, Eſq; with about 200 more Truſtees of the ſeveral Charity-Schools, when the following worthy Gentlemen were choſen Stewards for the Year enſuing, *viz.*

Mr. Deputy Farrington	Mr. John Hoare
Mr. Allen Webb	Mr. Francis Lutterell
Mr. Iſaac Waldo	Mr. William Pearce

Yeſterday N° 12,203 was drawn a Prize of 100 l.

The ſame Day a Man was committed to *Wood-ſtreet Compter* by Sir *Richard Brocas*, upon Suſpicion of murdering his own Child, about three Years of Age.

Deaths. Laſt Week died, at *Haddington* in *Scotland*, Capt. *Cornelius Stewart*, Brother of Sir *James Stewart*, a *Scotch* Baronet.——On Tueſday died, at *Shipperton* in *Middleſex*, Capt. *Boyle*.

The Poll for this City at the Cloſing of the Books Yeſterday ſtood thus:

Sir John Barnard, Knt. ——	578
Humphry Parſons, Eſq; ——	557
Micajah Perry, Eſq; ——	464
Robert Godſchall, Eſq; ——	364
John Barber, Eſq, —— ——	331
Robert Willimot, Eſq; ——	254

Members choſen for the enſuing Parliament, ſince our laſt.

Abingdon,	Robert Hucks, Eſq;
St. Alban's,	Sir Thomas Aſton, Bart.
	Thomas Aſhby, Eſq;
Amerſham,	Thomas Lutwych, Eſq;
	Henry Marſhall, Eſq:
Andover in Hants,	William Guidott, Eſq;
	John Pollen, Eſq;
Banbury,	Lord Wallingford
Bedfordſhire,	The Hon. John Spencer, Eſq;
	Sir Rowland Alſton
Biſhops-Caſtle,	Robert Moore, Eſq;
	—— Kynaſton, Eſq;
Brackley,	Sir Paul Methuen
	Dr. George Lee
Cambridge County,	Henry Bromley, Eſq;
	Samuel Sheppard, Eſq;
Dover,	David Papillon, Eſq;
	Thomas Revel, Eſq;
Chippenham,	Richard Long, Eſq;
	Rogers Holland, Eſq;
Huntingdon,	Edward Wortley Montagu, Eſq;
	Colonel Roger Handaſide
Lincolnſhire,	Sir Thomas Sanderſon
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Newark,	Brigadier General Sutton
	Colonel James Pelham
Port of Romney,	David Papillon, Eſq;
	Stephen Biſs, Eſq;
Rocheſter,	Captain Haddock
	David Polhill, Eſq;
Rygate,	Sir Joſeph Jekyll, Knt.
	James Cocks, Eſq;
Shoreham,	John Philipſon, Eſq;
	Thomas Frederick, Eſq;
St. Edmund's-Bury,	The Hon. Thomas Hervey, Eſq;
	Colonel Norton
Stamford,	William Noel, Eſq;
	John Proby, Eſq;
Wareham,	Henry Drax, Eſq;
	Robert Pitt, Eſq;
Weſtbury,	George Evans, Eſq;
	John Bance, Eſq;
Wooton-Baſſet,	Nicholas Robinſon, Eſq;
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	Sir John Shelley
Great Bedwin,	William Sloper, Eſq;
	Colonel Murray
Beverley,	Elleker Bradſhaw, Eſq;
	Sir Charles Hotham
Bedford Town,	Sir Jeremy Vanacker Sambroke
	Samuel Ongley, Eſq;
Belchingly,	Sir William Clayton
	Kendrick Clayton, Eſq;
Boſton,	The Hon. Albemarle Bertie, Eſq;
	Richard Fydell, Eſq;
Calne,	Colonel Ducket
	Walter Hungerford, Eſq;
Cambridge Town,	Sir John Hind Cotton
	Thomas Sclater Bacon, Eſq;
Colcheſter,	Matthew Martin, Eſq;
	Iſaac Leming Rebow, Eſq;
Cirenceſter,	William Woodhouſe, Eſq;
	Thomas Maſter, Eſp;
Cricklade,	Sir Thomas Read
	William Gore, Eſq;
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	Maurice Buckland, Eſq;
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	George Wright, Eſq;
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	Thomas Pelham of Lewes, Eſq;
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Ludlow,	Henry Arthur Herbert, Eſq;
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Minehead,	Francis Whitworth, Eſq;
	Alexander Lutterel, Eſq;
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	William Turner, Eſq;
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	—— Stephenſon, Eſq;
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	Thomas Foley, Eſq;
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	Robert Fagg, Eſq;
Southampton,	Sir William Heathcote
	Anthony Henly, Eſq;
Taunton,	Francis Fane, Eſq;
	Henry William Portman, Eſq;
Thirſk,	Sir Thomas Frankland
	Frederick Frankland, Eſq;
Totneſs,	Sir Charles Wills
	Joſeph Danvers, Eſq;
Warwick,	Sir William Keyte, Bart.
	William Bromley, Eſq;
Wincheſter,	George Bridges, Eſq;
	Pawlet St. John, Eſq;
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	Paul Burrard, Eſq;
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	William Jeſſop, Eſq;
Bridgport,	William Bowles, Eſq;
	Solomon Aſhley, Eſq;
Bridgwater,	George Doddington, Eſq;
	Thomas Palmer, Eſq;

FOREIGN NEWS.

Vienna, April 24. N. S.

FELT-MARSHALL Count de *Konigsegg*, Vice Preſident of the Council of War, being appointed by the Emperor to command the Army in *Italy*, in the room of the Count *de Merci*, that General will ſet out next Week for the *Mantuan*.

Coblentz, April 30. On Wedneſday Evening the *French* gave two ſucceſſive Aſſaults to the Caſtle of *Traerbach*, but were both Times repuls'd with Loſs. They have four Batteries, and keep a moſt terrible Fire from them: The Beſieg'd, on the other Hand, fire inceſſantly on the Enemy, the Governor being determin'd to hold out to the laſt Extremity.

Franckfort, May 2. Prince *Eugene* has made a general Review of the *Imperial* Army on the *Rhine*, which conſiſts at preſent of 66 Squadrons of Horſe, and 45 Battalions of Infantry. His Highneſs is making the proper Diſpoſitions for entring upon the Operations of the Campaign on the 9th Inſtant. We are juſt now told that the Duke *de Noailles* is on the March with his Corps of Troops to join the Marſhal *de Berwick*, and that the latter is preparing to paſs the *Rhine* on ſome Expedition of Importance, on which Account that General has enjoin'd the Occupiers of the *Imperial* Territories poſſeſs'd by him, to

send forthwith to the Camp at *Spire* 2000 Waggons, and 4500 Pioneers.

Berlin, May 1. The 10,000 Men appointed to serve on the *Rhine*, march'd the 28th of last Month with a Train of Artillery. Letters from the Camp before *Dantzick* advise, that General *Munich* had signified to the *English* and *Dutch* Merchants that they should retire from *Dantzick*, he having receiv'd the great Artillery, and intended to begin forthwith to bombard the Town. The 6000 *Hanoverians* began the 26th of last Month their March for the *Rhine*.

Paris, May 7. On the 4th Instant came Advice that the Castle of *Traerbach* had submitted to his Majesty's Troops, and that the Count *de Belliſle* had receiv'd a slight Wound during the Siege.

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